

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please enter Amendments (A) through (F) provided below:

(A) Please insert the following headings and paragraph at Page 1, line 3 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the first full paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is being filed under Rule 1.371 as a National Stage Application of pending International Application No. PCT/EP2004/009395, which claims priority to the following parent application: German Patent Application No. 103 39 801.3 filed August 27, 2003. Both International Application No. PCT/EP2004/009395 and German Patent Application No. 103 39 801.3 are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

(B) Please insert the following heading at Page 1, line 6 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the second full paragraph:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

(C) Please insert the following heading at Page 5 , line 9 of the the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceeding the second full paragraph:

**SUMMARY OF ADVANTAGEOUS EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION**

(D) Please insert the following heading at Page 5, line 16 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed, immediately preceding the third full paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ADVANTAGEOUS EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

(E) Please substitute the following text at Page 15 lines 1 through 30 of the English translation of the Application-as-filed with the following replacement text:

Charge materials

- PA1: Nylon 6 having a relative viscosity of 4 (measured in 96% strength sulfuric acid),  
[[®]]~~Ultramid~~ ULTRAMID® B4 from BASF AG
- PA2: Nylon 6/66 (weight ratio 85 : 15 parts by weight) having a relative viscosity of 4  
(measured in 96% strength sulfuric acid), ~~®Ultramid~~ ULTRAMID® C4 from  
BASF AG
- PEA: Copolymer based on -caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine, adipic acid and  
polyethylene glycol (having on average about 10 ethylene glycol units); melting  
point 210°C (determined by differential scanning calorimetry, DSC), [[®]]~~Grilon~~  
GRILON® FE 7012 from Ems-Chemie AG,
- PVAL: Polyvinyl alcohol having a mean molecular weight  $M_w$  of 26 000 and a degree of  
saponification of 88% ([[®]]~~Mowiol~~ MOWIOL® 26-88 from Clariant  
Deutschland GmbH)
- Glycerol 96% pure, purity as specified by DAB (Deutsches Arzneimittelbuch [German  
pharmacopoeia])
- MB Filler masterbatch comprising 50% nylon 6 and 50% finely divided calcium  
carbonate (HT-MAB-PA 9098 from Treffert)
- CMC-Na Sodium salt of a carboxymethylcellulose of medium degree of etherification and a  
solution viscosity of 10 Pa s, measured by 2% strength solution at 20°C by  
Höppler viscometer ([[®]]~~Tylose~~ TYLOPUR® C 10000 P2 from Clariant  
Deutschland GmbH)

M-HEC      Methylhydroxyethylcellulose of medium degree of etherification and a solution viscosity of 4 Pa s, measured on a 2% strength aqueous solution at 20°C using a Höppler viscometer ([®]Tylose TYLOSE® H 4000 P2 from Clariant Deutschland GmbH)

Glycerol monooleate ([®]Arlacel ARLACEL® 186 from Uniquema; to ICI plc)

Lecithin

Paraffin oil      medical white oil ([®]Enerpar ENERPAR® M 1930 from British Petroleum (BP) plc